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1. The Pionierschule (engineer school) was occupied by 1,200 to 1,300 recruits between 2 and 6 July 1950. They were trained by personnel from units previously stationed there.

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2. The Rohr Kaserne was occupied by 750 to 800 troops between 2 and [REDACTED] brought about 120 troops to the installation on 4 July 1950.

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3. The Semendriya Kaserne was occupied by 600 to 650 troops between 2 and 6 July 1950. An engineer unit with 15 officers and about 200 EM wearing black-bordered black epaulets, some with anchor insignia, arrived at the barracks about 3 p.m. on 2 July 1950. The unit was equipped with 18 [REDACTED]

neer soldiers led by 6 officers and a military band met the unit at the railroad station. A laborer working in the installation said that the unit had returned from field exercises in the Pirna (N 51/E 38) area.

4. The barracks building between gates I and II was occupied by about 600 troops between 2 and 6 July 1950. *

5. The barracks in Weinsdorf did not have enough garages to store all the trucks according to a laborer working there. Eighty to one hundred trucks were parked behind the garages of the Rohr Kaserne and the Pionierschule. Tanks were parked in the garages along the Lukoer Chaussee near the fuel dump. ** The laborer also said that training activity was observed daily at three places within the barracks area with 400 to 500 recruits participating at each place.

6. About 50 troops equipped with 12 to 15 telephone sets constructed overhead telephone lines on small trees in the Weinsdorf-Luko forest on 4 July 1950 about 2:30 p.m. Two tents, each with three radio sets were set up along the forest near the road crossing the railroad line to Wittenberg (N 52/E 37). The radio sets were similar to the former German Dora sets. About 250 troops held drill exercises in the athletic field on Weinsdorfer Strasse about 4 p.m.

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7. Two units, each with about 70 unarmed troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets, marched through gate I toward the banks of the Elbe River about 5 p.m. on 6 July 1950. Thirty to forty triangular tents were put up on the banks of the Elbe River. The training grounds were enlarged to the east and were permanently guarded by patrols and sentries wearing black-bordered black epaulets. [REDACTED] loaded with ration supplies was repeatedly seen going between the tent camp and the barracks area.

8. The baking installations at the Industriehafen were vacated by the Konsumbackerei on 4 July 1950. Goods were hauled away by motor vehicles of the Konsumbackerei. About 20 German civilians cleaned the stores and rooms. Soldiers with tank and artillery insignia were sporadically seen.

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Comment. All military quarters mentioned belong to the barracks of Rossau-Heinsdorf, located between the railroad line from Dessau to Wittenberg and Reichstrasse 187. Component units of the 7th Gds Tank Div stationed in those quarters moved to the Werder-Markendorf training grounds in April and May 1950 and were there still in mid-July 1950.

The arrival of large contingents of recruits between May and June 1950 accounts for the heavy occupation of the quarters. See

[REDACTED] is assigned to headquarters units of the Third Gds Mecz Army. [REDACTED] has not been previously observed in the Rossau area.

Comment. It is doubted that tanks of the 7th Gds Tank Div would be stored in the division's headquarters since the division is known to have moved to the Werder-Markendorf area.

Comment. The motor vehicle [REDACTED] assigned to the 6th Gds Tank Div, the 7th Gds Tank Div and headquarters units of the Third Gds Mecz Army. The presence of motor vehicles of the 6th Gds Tank Div, which is not stationed in the Rossau area, may indicate that a training center for recruits of these two divisions, and possibly of headquarters units of the Third Gds Mecz Army, was established in the Rossau barracks.

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